

Japanese - Language and Culture

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Language

English

Course description and objectives

The course is aimed at beginners and is intended to provide the basics of the Japanese spoken language, writing skill and discover different aspects of Japanese culture.

Audience

The course is open to all Bocconi students.

Prerequisites

No prior knowledge of the Japanese language is required.

Guidelines

Registration:

You can sign up for the course only through the yoU@B student Diary, in the "sign-up for various activities" box (please note: this box appears only when registrations open. It will not be visible before then).

Cancellations must also be submitted through the Diary **by the registration deadline**.

No other cancellation methods will be accepted.

Registration will be confirmed a few days before the course starts via a message in the yoU@B student Diary.

Attendance:

- Attendance of **75% or more** of class hours: obtainment of the **Open Badge**
- Attendance of **less than 25%** of class hours: **exclusion list**

Duration

30 hours



Teaching Mode

This course will be only taught in person. Online mode will not be provided.

Calendar

Lesson	Date	Time	Room
1	Tue 15/09/2026	18:15 - 19:45	42 (Sarfatti)
2	Sat 19/09/2026	9:30 - 11:00	42 (Sarfatti)
3	Sat 19/09/2026	11:15 - 12:45	42 (Sarfatti)
4	Sat 26/09/2026	9:30 - 11:00	42 (Sarfatti)
5	Sat 26/09/2026	11:15 - 12:45	42 (Sarfatti)
6	Sat 03/10/2026	9:30 - 11:00	42 (Sarfatti)
7	Sat 03/10/2026	11:15 - 12:45	42 (Sarfatti)
8	Sat 10/10/2026	9:30 - 11:00	42 (Sarfatti)
9	Sat 10/10/2026	11:15 - 12:45	42 (Sarfatti)
10	Sat 31/10/2026	9:30 - 11:00	42 (Sarfatti)
11	Sat 31/10/2026	11:15 - 12:45	42 (Sarfatti)
12	Sat 07/11/2026	9:30 - 11:00	42 (Sarfatti)
13	Sat 07/11/2026	11:15 - 12:45	42 (Sarfatti)
14	Sat 14/11/2026	9:30 - 11:00	42 (Sarfatti)
15	Sat 14/11/2026	11:15 - 12:45	42 (Sarfatti)

Syllabus of the course

Lecture	Topics	Book reference
1	Introduction	Writing system (Hiragana)
	Topic 1 (Katsudo-Rikai)	Greeting (Unit 1 - Katsudo-Rikai)

2	Further detailed study of writing system	Unit 2 (Katakana)
3	Myself	Unit 3 (give a simple self-introduction)
4	Family	Unit 4 (talk briefly about your family)
5	Food	Unit 5 (talk about your favorite foods, offer someone a drink, talk about your breakfast) writing system (Kanji)
6	Food	Unit 6 (Read a menu, order food and drink, say what your favourite dish is)
7	Home	Unit 7 e 8 (Say what kind of home you live in, what you have in your home, write an E-mail inviting someone to your home)
8	Daily Life	Unit 9 e 10 (Say the time you do something, talk about your daily life, talk about your schedule for this week)

Suggested Bibliography

- MARUGOTO NIHON NO KOTOBA TO BUNKA NYUUMON A1 (RIKAI) by The Japan Foundation, ISBN978-4-384-05753-9
- MARUGOTO NIHONGO KOTOBA TO BUNKA NYUUMON A1 (KATSUDO) by The Japan Foundation, ISBN978-4-384-05752-2

Teacher's materials available on BBoard.



Available seats

The course will be activated subject to a minimum number of participants. Participation is limited to **110** places. Registration will no longer be possible once this limit has been reached or after the registration period has closed.

Registration may be cancelled exclusively through the yoU@B Diary no later than the registration deadline for the course.

